

The Daily Standard.

Thursday, January 10, 1873.

Our Mining Laws.

The Hon. member for Yale-Lytton, (Mr. Smith), yesterday moved that a select committee be appointed to consider the expediency of altering and revising the Mining Laws of British Columbia, and committee to have power to call for persons and papers. This is a very proper motion, and we trust it may lead to the most beneficial results. The mining laws of this Province are undoubtedly very defective, and so restrictive in their provisions as to cause loud dissatisfaction among practical miners and discourage capitalists from making investments in mining stocks here as they do elsewhere. It is admitted by the most experienced and intelligent miners who have ever visited this country, that British Columbia is not only abundantly supplied with coal, but that in the precious metals she is as richly endowed as any country on the continent. Why is it, then, possessing these advantages, she does not make the same progress in the development of her mineral resources that is observable in other and adjacent territories? It is not because our climate is less favorable to the occupation of mining, nor because the land property is less secure here than elsewhere. Our laws are fairly and impartially administered, and every man is guaranteed the fullest measure of liberty, regardless of color or nationality. Yet while the mineral wealth of neighboring states and territories is being rapidly developed, and the sounds of the quartz-crusher and the steam-engine are heard reverberating along their hill-sides and through their canyons, infusing life and vigor into every other branch of trade and industry, in British Columbia the very reverse is true. It is now fifteen years since the first discovery of gold upon the Fraser River, and from that time to the present mining operations have been carried on to a greater or lesser extent, and with varied success; but all such operations have been confined to alluvial or placer diggings, not a single quartz mill having yet been erected in the country. We are told that this is entirely owing to the illiberal and restrictive character of our mining laws, which tend to discourage rather than encourage mining upon a large scale, or the investment of large sums of money in enterprises of that nature by home or foreign capitalists. We hope the select committee asked for by Mr. Smith will be appointed, and that they will thoroughly investigate this matter and suggest to the House a remedy for it. We have before us a pamphlet recently published by C. C. Lane, Esq., of the Lane & Kerr Co., Cariboo, in which he describes the backward condition of our mining interests, as compared with those of the United States and Old Canada, to the illiberal character of our laws relating to mining. What he contends for is such a change in the law as will enable Free Miners to obtain proprietary rights to their claims by purchase instead of mere possessory rights by way of license, as is now the case. "Lapses of undeveloped ground," he says, "bring additional wealth into British Columbia, but do not increase the value of free mining property. So long as the law prevents the miner from selling to the highest bidder, it deprives him from one of the principal chances of making money." Both Canada and the United States have adopted the proprietary system in the disposition of mineral lands, and both are prospering under it. "The mines of Lake Superior," (Silver Lake), writes Col. Lane, "though young when compared with the mines of British Columbia, have far surpassed us in prosperity, while Cariboo, which in my estimation is the best mining district within the Confederation of Canada, is almost dead." The difference in results he ascribes to the two systems. In the Province of Ontario "the fee simple of the minerals is made over to the owner of the soil, and no reservation or exception of gold, silver, iron, copper or other minerals may hereafter be inserted in any patent from the Crown granting lands sold as mining lands." "In Prussia the State surrenders entirely its claim to mineral rights, and stands henceforth as the same footing as private citizens, retaining only the right of police, justice and finance, which it exercises over every form of property and labor." (Raymond's U.S. Reports.) Last year a Mining Law was passed in the United States, in which it is set forth "that all mineral deposits in lands belonging to the United States, both surveyed and unsurveyed, are hereby declared to be free and open to exploration and purchase, and the lands in which they are found, to occupation and purchase by citizens of the United States, and those who have declared their intention to become such, under regulations prescribed by law, and according to the local customs or rules of miners in the several mining districts, so far as the same are applicable and not inconsistent with the laws of the United States." Now, if the proprietary system works so well as we are assured it does, in other countries, we see no good reason why it should not do so in British Columbia. If it will better enable miners to buy and sell and get paid, and be instrumental in bringing capital into the country for investment in mining stocks, and tend to the promotion of our mineral wealth, we would say by all means let it be adopted, subject to proper restrictions. "England," says the Colonel, "has furnished millions of money to buy and work mines in the United States, and I believe they will furnish the same capital to British Columbia, provided the same liberal title can be given for the mines." On this subject, Mr. Raymond, in his report to the United States Government, says: "The question, whether the government should sell the mines, or only license their working, is to be answered, in this country, in favor of the first alternative, unless we are prepared to establish and administer a vast mining system over our

scattered districts. I think the true course is to alienate the mines from the United States as soon as possible, and do this upon a general and uniform policy, preventing the necessity of special legislation." By way of illustrating the advantage derived from the proprietary over the possessory system of mining title in the production of bullion, it appears by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s report for January, 1873, that in 1871 the total amount of precious metals derived from the mines west of Missouri river, was \$58,284,629.96, while the production of 1872 was \$62,236,918.89, showing an increase in one year of \$3,952,288.93. The vast importance of the mining interests to a country like British Columbia as compared with other interests of a commercial character, may be understood from the fact that in 1872 the dividends paid to mining companies in San Francisco, amounted to \$6,854,390, while the dividends paid to all other corporations, including banks, insurance, street cars, dry and graving docks, etc., only amounted to \$2,341,541. These are facts worth noting, and if upon due inquiry into the subject of our Mining Laws, it be the opinion of the Select Committee that such a change as we have above referred to would conduce to a greater degree of prosperity in mining matters, then by all means let a bill be brought in at once to place our Mining Laws upon a better and more liberal footing.

New Advertisements.

Notice
BARQUE LADY LAMPSON FROM London. Neither Captain Gaudin, nor the vessel, Bay Company will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of the above vessel.
JAMES A. GRAHAM, Hudson's Bay Co.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE
THE HUDSON'S BAY CO.'S Barque Lady Lampson, Capt. Gaudin, from London. This vessel will commence discharging at the Company's Wharf at Victoria 70-DAY (Wednesday). Consignees are requested to call at the Company's office of the Consignee, J. C. Tracy, and receive orders for their goods. All goods left on the Company's Wharf at Victoria after 5 P.M. of each day will be stored at the risk and expense of the consignee.
JAMES A. GRAHAM, Hudson's Bay Co.

J. C. TRACY, AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION MERCHANT
CONSIGNMENTS of Fruit, received by every steamer.
Salesroom St. Nicholas Building, Government Street.

Regular Sales every Wednesday and Saturday at 10:30 A.M.
Consignment solicited. Prompt Returns and moderate charges guaranteed.
Sd. Sales attended in any part of the city or vicinity. Best city reference given.

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J. C. TRACY
Will Sell at Salesroom St. Nicholas Building,
Saturday, Jan. 18, 1873

AT 10:30 O'CLOCK A.M.
400 lbs BREAKFAST BACON,
1 PLOUGH,
MARINE CLOCKS,
3 SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES,
Lot of Trimmings, Neck Ties, Notions,
Bedding and Sundries.
1 Crate Assorted Crockery.
J. C. TRACY, Auctioneer.

PLUMMER & PAGDEN, AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS, ACCOUNTANTS AND COMMISSION AGENTS
Wharf Street, Victoria.

BEG TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE taken the large building on Wharf Street, opposite the foot of Yates Street. From their long and extensive experience in the various branches of business, and by promptness and attention, they hope to receive a share of the public support. Stocks, Stock in Trade or Furniture purchased or sold.
Liberal Advances made on Consignments.
Books kept or Audited. Balance Sheets made out. Statements Prepared and a general Accounts Business conducted satisfactorily.

MORTGAGEE SALE

REAL ESTATE

AND House Property.

PLUMMER & PAGDEN
Are instructed by the Mortgagee (under a Registered Bill of Sale, dated 5th March, 1872) to sell at their

Salesroom, Wharf Street.

Friday, Jan. 24, 1872

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON
The Western part of lot Eighteen fronting 40 feet on Yates Street by 120 feet deep with a two story hard finished House now occupied by Mr. Thos. Baker. Deeds of purchase at buyer's Expense.

TERMS AT SALE
PLUMMER & PAGDEN,
Auctioneers.

New Advertisements.

GENERAL ABSTRACT.

Showing the arrangement of the LIABILITIES and ASSETS within the Province of British Columbia, at the close of the year 1872, taken from the usual Weekly Statements during the Quarter ending 31st December, 1872.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Notes in Circulation	\$115,287 00	Legal Tender Notes in Gold and Silver	\$20,581 00
Balance due to other Banks and Branches	23,128 00	Gold Bullion	20,581 00
Deposits ON CALL, not bearing interest	\$146,918 43	Landed and other Property	24,000 00
Deposits NOT ON CALL, bearing interest	277,427 85	Balance due from other Banks and Branches	218,551 61
	\$459,742 28	Amount of all other debts due to the Bank	128,092 00
Total amount of Liabilities	\$877,752 30	Total amount of Assets	\$877,427 28
Amount of Current Stock paid up at the close of the Quarter ending 31st Dec. 1872	\$6,000,000 00		
Rate of last Dividend declared for the Quarter	Eight per cent		
Amount of reserved profits at the time of declaring such Dividend	\$24,150 00		
(Signed)		(Signed)	
W. A. TUDOR, Manager.		J. GOODFELLOW, Accountant.	

Victoria, B. C., 21st December, 1872.

I, Henry A. Henson Esq. do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing abstract is a true and faithful account of the average amount of the Assets and Liabilities within the Province of British Columbia, during the period specified, and that the same was made up from the usual Weekly Statements thereof, kept in pursuance of the Provisions of the Banking Act 1864.
(Signed)
Declared before me at Victoria, B. C., this 11th day of January, 1873.
A. J. LANUEY, J. P.

VICTORIA HOUSE
NOTICE.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING DISPOSED of the business of Government Street known as VICTORIA HOUSE to Messrs. DENNY & SPENCER, request all persons indebted to that establishment to pay their accounts either at our Counting House on Wharf Street, or to Messrs. Denny & Spencer, who have been authorized to receive the same.
FINDLAY, DUNHAM & BROS.
Victoria, B. C., 4th January, 1873.

VICTORIA HOUSE.

JANUARY 4th, 1873.

DENNY & SPENCER

Beg to announce that they have purchased from Messrs. Findlay, Durham & Brodie the Entire Stock & BUSINESS of the establishment known as Victoria House, and are determined to offer for sale the

BALANCE OF WINTER & SURPLUS STOCK

At Prices that will ensure a Clearance.

THE SALE WILL BE FOR 30 DAYS

And For Cash Only

COMMENCING MONDAY JAN. 6th, 1873.

The Proprietors also take this opportunity of informing the Public of the principle upon which they intend to do business. They have long thought it unfair to the Cash buyers charged the same Price as those who take long Credit. To obviate this they will do a CASH BUSINESS and will

CONSIDER ACCOUNTS PAID AT SIXTY DAYS BY THEIR FAMILY CUSTOMERS AS CASH.

These Terms will be strictly adhered to. They will not dilate upon the advantages here offered to CASH BUYERS; but most respectfully solicit the patronage of the general public, who will in a very short time Appreciate the System they intend to inaugurate.

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LONDON BAZAAR,

GOVERNMENT Street corner FORT

IMMENSE VARIETY

Unequalled on the Pacific Coast.

Amongst which will be found many Choice and Rare Articles

Just Received ex Naworth & Princess Royal

W. JONES respectfully invites the public to call and inspect his Stock and note Prices which are greatly reduced owing to his having to visit Europe early in the New Year on important business, he has determined to reduce his immense stock which consists of

TOYS, all kinds FANCY GOODS including

ELECTRO PLATED WARE, GLASSWARE, WILLOW WARE, CUTLERY, STATIONERY, PERFUMERY (1st quality) JEWELRY, BOOKS, PICTURES, PAINTINGS, &c., and NOTIONS without end. A Large Assortment of

Whitby Jet and Vulcanite Brooches, Earrings, Chains, Necklets, Lockets and Bracelets.

Fancy Biscuits.
WELCH, RITHET & CO.
HAVE RECEIVED EX "PRINCE" from San Francisco a Stock of Very FANCY BISCUITS, in 1 barrels, boxes, and tins, comprising the following assortment:
NIO-NAC, EXCELSIOR, MEDALLION, PEARL, 30 CENTINA, BROWN, FANCY MILK, LE GRANDE, CONGRESS CAKES, &c., which they offer for sale in lots to suit purchasers.
5 Commercial Row, Wharf Street, Victoria, 20th December, 1872.

LECTURE.
MR. W. K. HULL WILL DELIVER AN Address on "The Peculiarities of the Present Age."
At the Mechanics' Institute on THURSDAY, JAN. 16th commencing at 8 o'clock.
Admission 50 cts.

CHANG KEE
Manufacturer of the best brands of
HAVANA CIGARS
GOVERNMENT STREET, Victoria,
Next door to Duck & Sandover's Shop.

New Advertisements.

ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY begs to give notice, that he has opened in Yates street, near corner Broad street, next to Evanson's office, an account office, where he will always be at hand to receive, post, or attend to accounts or book-keeping, and to give advice on all matters connected with the management of the affairs of individuals, firms, or companies. Also translations from French, Spanish, German, Danish or into any of these languages.
ALSO AT REASONABLE TERMS.
Lessons given in Book Keeping by Double Entry in 30 Lessons at \$50 with guarantee of giving satisfaction and making a good Book Keeper of any gentleman, who wishes to learn this science.
W. F. HERRR,
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PROF. C. SCHAEFER W. LL GIVE Lessons at the residences of pupils, at Schools, or at his rooms, on the
Violin, Flute, Clarinet, Guitar, Bass Viol and every description of BRASS INSTRUMENT.
Also Balls, Parties and Dinners supplied with Music at reasonable rates.
Orders left at his residence, corner of View and Broad streets, will receive prompt attention.

ANTOINE REFORE, FRENCH COOK.

DINNERS PREPARED ON THE Shortest notice. Families attended at their private residences.
Address, Care of Mr. Bonnet, corner of Broad and Yates streets.

REMOVAL.

J. W. HIGGINS HAS REMOVED his Saloon to the premises near to his old stand and adjoining the Standard Printing Office.

Supreme Court of British Columbia IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Estate of David Cameron, a Bankrupt. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named Bankrupt will be held before the Registrar of the Supreme Court at his office on Monday the 20th instant, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of declaring a dividend payable on the amounts proved.

Wanted Immediately
ABLE AND ORDINARY SEAMEN for London, Calcutta Australia and China.
Apply to
JER. NAGLE, Shipping Agent.

Public School Notice

THE CITY SCHOOLS WILL RE-OPEN on Monday (THIS DAY) at 9 o'clock A.M.
W. LEIGH, Clerk of the Board.

SCHOOL NOTICE.

Mme. PETIBEAU'S BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL
Will re-open on Monday next, January 6th, 1873.

JAMES MOORE & CO.
JONAS STREET, 3 doors below Henry Saunders' Grocery Store.
CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS.
Physicians' Prescriptions Carefully Prepared.
Patent Medicines, Perfumery and a general assortment of Drugs and Chemicals always on hand.

\$50 Reward.
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ON WEDNESDAY THE 15th, inst., on Government street, between Fort and Johnson Streets, \$25 in Greenbacks, &c. FIFTY DOLLARS Reward is hereby offered for the recovery of the same.
Apply to
W. T. Standard Office.

THEATRE SALOON

GOVERNMENT STREET.
T. A. WILLIAMSON
PROPRIETOR.
Immense Stock of WINE AND LIQUORS For the XMAS HOLIDAYS.
Finest brands of Cigars to be had at the bar.

Notice to Merchants & Others.
U. S. CONSULATE AT Victoria, B. C.
The United States in Bonds are hereby notified that their Certificates to the holding of all the blank bonds must be presented at the Consulate with all the blank bonds filled up, dated, and signed, in default of which the Consular verification will be withheld.
DAVID LESTER, U. S. Consul.

Notice

THE CITY OF VICTORIA, in the name of the Mayor, do hereby give notice, that the City of Victoria is in possession of the same steamboat as agent for Messrs. Moffat Brothers.
J. R. HOLLAND, Solicitor, Station Street.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1800.
Capital, £2,000,000 Sterling.
Accumulated Fund, £3,298,169 Sterling.
Amount Deposited with Dominion Government, \$150,000.
Losses Settled with Promptitude and Liberality.

T. ALLSOP, & CO., Agents.
Government Street, Victoria.

Licenses Ordinance 1867.

All persons liable for Trading and Spirit Licenses under the above Ordinance are hereby notified to pay the same without delay at the office of the undersigned.

Summons will be immediately issued against those persons who neglect to pay up their Licenses.
H. B. GOOD, Clerk of the Bench.
Victoria, 7th January, 1873.

New Advertisements.

GEORGE'S MARKET.

JOHNSON SPERRY,
(Next to Blum's Dry Good Store)
DEALER IN
VENISON & GAME
of all kinds when in season.

MRS. EIXNER DRESS MAKER.

Solicits a share of Public patronage.
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RESIDENT—Corner of Meares and Quadra streets, near the cemetery.

The Adelphi Saloon To Let

Of the present proprietor of the Adelphi Saloon, situated on the corner of Yates and Government streets, Victoria, B. C., who is willing to rent the above named well known premises for a period of one or two years. For further particulars apply to
P. MURPHY, On the Premises.

Victoria, B. C., 20th December, 1872.

In compliance with Section 5, of "The Medical Council Act, 1867," the Register of Medical Practitioners, registered under that ordinance, is herewith published for general information.
CHAS. GOOD, Registrar.

REGISTER OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

HELMUCKEN, John Sebastian, Victoria, B. C.
Application received 24th December, 1869.
Diploma registered 24th December, 1869.
A Diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons in England, dated 17th March, 1868.
A Diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons in London, dated 20th April, 1867.
DAVIE, John C. Victoria, B. C.
Application received 15th March, 1870.
Diploma registered 15th March, 1870.
A Diploma from the College of Medicine, San Francisco, California, dated 7th March, 1860.

BELL, Thomas, Williams Creek Hospital, Cariboo.
Application received 22nd May, 1871.
Diploma registered 22nd May, 1871.
A Diploma from the Master Wardens and Assistants of the Society of the Art and Mystery of Apothecaries, of the City of London, England, dated 16th January, 1867.
A Diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons, England, dated 10th April, 1867.
CHIPP, John, Barkerville, Cariboo.
Application received 10th August, 1872.
Diploma registered 10th August, 1872.
A Diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons in England, dated 18th May, 1867.
A Diploma from the Master Wardens and Assistants of the Society of the Art and Mystery of Apothecaries, of the City of London, England, dated 5th November, 1867.

FOSTER, Robert John, Yale.
Application received 21st November, 1872.
Certificate registered 21st November, 1872.
A Diploma from the Queen's University, Kingston, dated 23 March, 1872.

GREAT REDUCTION

Horse, Carriage and Buggy Hire.
Horse and Buggy \$1 per hour, Holidays and Sundays Excepted.

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150 Cords of Dry Pine WOOD.

J. W. WILLIAMS,
Livery and Sale Stable,
Cor Johnson & Government streets, set 19 is

LEA & FERRINS'

WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE.
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TO BE
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CAUTION AGAINST FRAUD.
The success of this most delicious and unvaried Condiment having caused certain dealers to apply the name of "Worcestershire Sauce" to their own inferior compounds, the Public are hereby informed that the only way to secure the genuine, is to

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Some of the foreign markets having been supplied with a spurious Worcestershire Sauce, upon the wrapper and labels of which the names of Lea & Ferrins have been forged, L. and F. give notice that they have furnished their correspondents with power of attorney to take instant proceedings against Manufacturers and Vendors of such, in any other imitation by which their right may be infringed.

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Wholesale and for export by the Proprietors, Worcester; Cross & Blackwell, London, &c., &c.; and by Grocers and Oilmen everywhere.

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VICTORIA BOOT & SHOE MANUFACTORY,

GOVERNMENT STREET,
Next to the Post Office.

W. HEATHORN

NOT being an Exhibitor at the late Fair, (from press of business), but feeling perfectly safe in the hands of a discriminating public, who have uniformly patronized his manufactures, Mr. Heathorn, having just received from England one of PEARSON'S CELEBRATED LOCK STITCH WAX TURKISH SEWING MACHINES, being the only one of the Province. He is now prepared to produce a most superior article.

For Bells and Shoes made to measure. Leather and Findings for Sale.

Mr. Robt. Secary certain respecting thing forth have been if so, w. of the sau. Hos. D the recor. Juries we

